

## REPORT

*Of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the petitions of Daniel Manley,  
and Taylor and Walker.*

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FEBRUARY 3, 1818.

Read, and ordered to lie upon the table.

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The Committee of Ways and Means, to whom have been referred the petitions of Daniel Manley, and of Taylor and Walker,

### REPORT:

That it appears from the documents accompanying the petitions, that the brig Sarah and her cargo have been libelled, for a breach of the non intercourse law. Daniel Manley, the present owner of the vessel, purchased her, as he alleges, when, from the length of time which had elapsed since she had been last heard of, her former owner had become apprehensive of her loss. She had been chartered by Taylor and Walker, (who are the owners of the cargo,) for the voyage; on her return from which she was seized. It is alleged that when the owner of the vessel chartered her for the West Indies, for which she sailed on the 24th of January, 1811, "he neither knew, nor thought to inquire to what port she was to go." It is averred that the master, (who, in one of the petitions, is represented as one of the charterers,) "had no idea that the said voyage was in any manner unlawful." The vessel, however, proceeded to St. Vincent's, from which she sailed with a cargo, on the 3d of April, 1811, and arrived at Portland in the next month. The committee see nothing in the circumstances of the case which should induce Congress to interpose. The power of remission has been given to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the committee deem it inexpedient to anticipate his decision, or in ordinary cases to receive an appeal from it. They recommend a resolution—

That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

